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	Examiner Fritz Alphonse	Art Unit 2133

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 November 2004.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 2-3, 5, 6, 8-14, 16 and 17 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 5, 6 and 8-11 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) 2-3, 12-14, 16-17 is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 22 September 2000 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

0.1 This office action is in response to amendment filed on 11/30/04. Claims 1, 4, 7 and 15 are canceled. Claims 2, 3, 5, 8, 16 and 17 are amended. Claims 6, 9-14, are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

2. Claims 5-6, 8, 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by McKnight (U.S. Pat. No. 6,144,353).

As to claim 5-6, McKnight (fig. 9) discloses a method of resetting a liquid crystal display device, comprising applying a reset voltage to all liquid crystal cells of the liquid crystal display device to reset the liquid crystal display device, wherein the reset voltage is applied to a common electrode of the liquid crystal display device; the reset voltage applied to the common electrode is less than a common voltage applied to the common electrode in a data charging interval (col. 20, lines 5-18; col. 17, lines 16-28).

As to claim 8, McKnight discloses a method of resetting a liquid crystal display device, comprising applying a reset voltage to all crystal cells of the liquid crystal display device to reset the liquid crystal display device, wherein the reset voltage is a gate high voltage simultaneously applied to gate electrode lines of the liquid crystal display device (col. 17, lines 16-28).

As to claim 9, the claim has substantially the limitations of claims 2-3. Therefore, it is analyzed as previously discussed in claims 2-3 above.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 10-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over McKnight in view of Yanagi (U.S. Pat. No. 6,310,616).

As to claim 10 and 11, McKnight discloses a reset circuit for a liquid crystal display device, which applies a reset voltage to all liquid crystal cells of a liquid crystal display device.

McKnight does not disclose a voltage amplifier for amplifying an input control signal to a common electrode of the liquid crystal display device.

However, in the same field of endeavor, Yanagi (Prior Art figs. 48, 49) show a voltage amplifier for amplifying an input control signal to a common electrode driver (500; see figure 48) of the liquid crystal display device. See column 1, lines 50-67.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to combine McKnight's display system with the driving circuit for LCD display device, as disclosed by Yanagi. Doing so would amplify the input control signal line and increase the brightness of the display.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 2, 3, 12-14, 16, 17 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 2-6, 8-14, 16-17 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See PTO 892.

9. Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Fritz Alphonse, whose telephone number is (571) 272-3813. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8:30-6:00, Alt. Mondays off. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Albert De Cady, can be reached at (571) 272-3819.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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April 20, 2005


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